What Happens to Confiscated Items at the Airport

Approximately 900 kilograms of items _____ mistakenly by travelers per month in their carry-on luggage. But what happens after their item _____. _____ anyone knows what to do if something like this _____.

Giving up the goods is not the only option.

Each time you leave a confiscated item at the airport you say goodbye to it. If it is a bottle of water, no big deal, but if it is a bottle of expensive perfume, it can be dramatic. In this case, you should_____ that **you have _____ options**.

First, some airports have a Confiscated Items Return Service. You can ask an airport worker _____ you can find it. Once you have deposited your item, **you have a certain amount of days to get it back**. For example, in Manchester, you have 30 days. _____, you can choose _____ your item delivered to your address if you are not planning to return back within a certain timeframe.

_____, nobody is keeping you _____ **returning to the airline's ticketing counter** and checking in your luggage that contains _____ items. Of course, that is if you are not in a rush and have _____time. You can also give it to your friend or leave it in your car. That is why it is always better to come to the airport with time to spare.

Where your items go if you leave them.

Some people might guess that officers take your prohibited items. This is a misconception. Some of the items, like for example, a mixed box of knives or a designer purse, go online and _____ in bulk. In the **auctions**, they can be sold for half the price, so it is a good platform for bargain hunters.

Lots of stuff _____ to **charity.** Volunteers say that up to $50,000 can be raised. Stuff like food gets destroyed. Beverages are tossed into trash.

There is always a place for art. For example, _____ 2019 the staff at the Lithuanian airport _____ travelers that safety comes first. They made a **Christmas tree out of confiscated knives and scissors**.

The tree was 5 ft tall. It _____ over 2 weeks to create: "So if you do not want your personal, yet prohibited, belongings to land on next year's Christmas tree, better _____ the baggage requirements before you pack for your next flight."

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1. A lot of people know what to do if they have to leave some of their items at the airport. **TRUE** **FALSE**
2. At every airport there is a service where you can leave confiscated things. **TRUE** **FALSE**
3. If you come back after the time limit of storing confiscated items it can be sent to you. **TRUE** **FALSE**
4. You shouldn´t leave such items in your car. **TRUE** **FALSE**
5. People working at the airport take these items. **TRUE** **FALSE**
6. The items can be bought at auctions for 50% of their price. **TRUE** **FALSE**
7. Food is given to charity organizations. **TRUE** **FALSE**
8. The Christmas tree was made only of the dangerous left items. **TRUE** **FALSE**
9. It took 2 weeks to make the Christmas tree. **TRUE** **FALSE**
10. In the text was mentioned a reason why we should be at the airport long before our flight. **TRUE** **FALSE**

Click on the items which you cannot have in your carry-on bag:

scissors	glasses	knife	liquids	perfume	nail clipper
headphones	baseball bat	corkscrew	knitting needles	apples	cigarettes

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